கூறினேன். அவர்களும் ஒப்புக்கொண்டார்கள். விவேகாநந்தர் அந்தப் பாறையின் மீது மூன்று நாட்கள் தங்கி அங்குதான் அவர்கள் சிந்தனையை முதன்முதலில் செலுத்தினர்கள். ஆகையால் அங்கு ஒரு ஸ்லேப் வைத்துக்கொள்ள அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Accidents

1. *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state districtwise—

(*a*) the number of accidents in which motor vehicles were involved duding 1961–62;

(*b*) the number of cases in which prosecutions were launched; and

(*c*) the number of cases in which prosecutions were not launched and the reasons therefor?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

[*Note.*—An asterisk* at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that in partial modification of the programme of business of the Legislative Council announced on the 28th February, the general discussion on the Budget will conclude on the 8th March 1963, and the Hon. the Minister for Finance will reply to the Debate on the 9th March 1963. The Council will adjourn on the 9th March 1963, and meet again at 3 p.m. on the 25th March 1963, for presentation of the Final Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1962–63.

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1963–64 —*cont.*

* SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Budget speech of the Hon. the Minister for Finance must be universally welcomed. In spite of the grave emergency that the country is passing through, when one would have normally expected heavy taxation to come down upon us, it has been pleasantly free from any such levy. In fact, till the Kerala proposals this morning were actually announced, we thought that it was almost decided in the recent meeting of the State Finance Ministers to leave all the taxation to the Centre and to have no fresh taxation in the States. We are very happy for the pleasant disappointment that it has caused us in this respect. One would normally expect also during the emergency to see some pruning even in essential services. But our Hon. the Finance Minister who luckily holds the portfolio of education also, has been making it very clear that there would be no pruning at all in the Education Budget, and it

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 295.